



St Martin's School Newsletter

Our current
Worship
Value is
Respect and
Reverence

Upcoming Events

December

9th 1.45pm Dress rehearsal for YR –Y3
Nativity
NWN photographer to take group photo

10th 9.30am Yr-Y3 Nativity

11th 2.30pm Yr-Y3 Nativity

17th Christmas Lunch and St. Martin's Christmas Jumper Day

18th 2.15pm Christmas collective worship – all welcome

19th 9.15am final celebration worship of term
House treat for house with most merits
2.20pm Christmas sing-a-long around the tree – all welcome

20th INSET DAY

22nd 11.00am Christmas Carol Service at St. Martin's Church – all welcome

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the Christmas fair. It was lovely to see so many friends and family support this event. We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did!

Year 6 COINS

The Year 6 children enjoyed taking part in the COINS workshop exploring the traditions of birth of Jesus. They spent the afternoon taking part in a range of drama, art and discussions which really made them think deeply. The ladies running the session commented on the behaviour and enthusiasm of our children, saying it was a pleasure to work with them. A huge thank you to COINS for organising the session and to our Year 6 children for representing the school so well.

Christmas Tree

After all their hard work digging up the Christmas tree last week, Year 6 have decorated the tree and it looks wonderful.

Christmas Post Boxes

Please be aware that our school Christmas post boxes are now in place by the playground door. If children wish to send cards to friends in school, please ensure that they write the child's full name and class on the envelope to help us ensure they are delivered to the right person.

Cherry Class Train Trip to Bedwyn

On Tuesday morning, Cherry Class went on a train Trip from Kintbury to Bedwyn. The children had a great time spotting all different types of transport as they went on their journey. We saw barges, freight trains, a speedy train and a fire engine. The children had a lovely time, and behaved beautifully, well done Cherries! Back at school we have written some amazing books all about the things we saw, and have had fun making our own train outside with the crates and bricks that can take us all the way to New Zealand! Thank you so much to the parents who helped Nicola Chapman and Fiona Hurley.

Orca Workshop

Our lower school children all enjoyed a visit from the Orca organisation. They were able to hear information about these amazing creatures and other cetaceans, as well as look at real orca artefacts. The presenter commented that our children listened well and asked relevant questions, showing an in-depth understanding of the issues raised. Well done, lower school!

Badminton Equipment

Can you help? Next term Lower school will be doing badminton in their PE lessons but we don't have any badminton rackets! Before we spend money on buying equipment, we thought it was worth asking if anyone had any children's sized badminton rackets or shuttle cocks that they no longer use and would be prepared to donate to school. We have recently saved a significant amount of amount after Mrs Edinburgh donated tennis balls! Thank you for your help and support.

Local Authority Monitoring and Validation Visit

The school received its annual visit from the local authority last week. Mrs Nicola Tettmar, our attached inspector, spent the morning working with Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rennison. She spent time in every classroom, looked at a range of books and spoke to a number of children. At the end of the visit she validated our self- assessment that St Martin's is a good school and left saying how lovely it was to spend time with children who were so engaged and motivated by their learning.

Christmas

We are all busy getting in the Christmas spirit! Please be aware of the following events taking place over the next couple of weeks to celebrate Christmas:

Tuesday 10th December (9:30am) and Wednesday 11th December (2:30pm) – Lower school will be performing their Nativity play for friends and family.

Tuesday 17th December – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. Any donations sent in on this day will go to Save the Children. We will also be enjoying our Christmas lunch on this day.

Wednesday 18th December – all friends and family are invited to join us at 2:15pm in the school hall for our school Christmas service lead by Canon Christine.

Thursday 19th December – all friends and family are invited to join us at 2:30pm in the school hall for a fun sing-a-long around our Christmas tree – a festive end to the term.

Sunday 22nd December – all friends and family are invited to the Christmas Carol Service at St Martin's Church at 11:00am.

Facebook Page (fingers crossed!)

We have been promising, for a while, a school Facebook Page. We are delighted to inform you that after some on-going technical difficulties we have managed to gain ownership of the existing St Martin' Page and have this week been updating it. This page will remain as a public page, which will be used for sharing information about the school with the wider community. We are in the process of setting up a closed group, which will enable us to share information with direct members of the school community. We are planning on launching this in January so again we say – watch this space!

Tuesday Worship

Just a quick reminder that we celebrate the amazing things our children do outside of school in our whole school worship on a Tuesday (this used to be a Wednesday). If your child has taken part in a competition, passed their next grade in a music lesson, learned a new skill or done something else wonderful, please let us know so that we can share it with everyone!

Road Safety

We have been approached by a very upset local resident regarding cars regularly using her driveway in order to do a three-point turn having dropped off children at school. In the past, she has had her post box and wall hit by cars turning. I know that drop off and collection at school can be busy but please show consideration for our neighbours and do not use their driveways to turn around in.

Awards

Details of children receiving certificates and house merit points can now be found on our website at

<https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/awards/418990>

HC3S

Menus are available to download from the link below. We have a few paper copies in the School Office and all classes will have a copy displayed in the classroom.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/primaryschools/menu>

Clubs

If your child would like to join any of our clubs, please speak to the school office. Please be aware that this information will no longer be included in every newsletter but can be found on our school website at

<https://www.st-mmartins.hants.sch.uk/website/clubs/418992>

Please see attachments for booking forms for Spring term, paper copies will also be available from the school office.

WoW

We are still looking for a volunteer to help with our WoW scheme on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning, to stand at the midway point and help keep out children safe. If you can help, please let the School Office know.

Governor News

We are currently looking for Foundation Governors to join our team. If you think you may be interested in becoming involved, please talk to Mrs Rowe (Co-Chair of Governors). Canon Christine or Mrs Bartlett. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>